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New Year's Eve.

The old year's almost gone,
Sweetheart,
He will not see the dawn;
The wind's weird cry thro' the woodland creeps,
The patient earth in th' darkness sleeps;
Only the glow of our hearth fire's light—
Brightens the mirk o' the dreary night—
The old year's almost gone.

Much have we lost in the year,
Sweetheart,
Treasures precious and dear;
There were kindly deeds that we might have done,
There were gentle hearts that we left unwon;
And fields where might have grown grain of worth
Lie fallow under the frozen turf;
Much have we lost in the year!

What have we won in the year,
Sweetheart,
Rich guerdon our hearts to cheer?
With pain was the pearl of patience bought.
Has failure clearer insight wrought?
Has earnest striving for noble ends
Gained us the strength high purpose lends?
What have we won in the year?

What have we learned in the year,
Sweetheart,
Soul truth eternal and clear?
That hoarded gold shall be reft with pain,
That what we gave, alone in gain;
That the kindly heart and the open hand
Are greater riches than house and land?
What have we learned in the year?

The New Year dawneth clear,
Sweetheart.
Heaven rest the Old Year's bier!
Duller and duller the embers glow.
Deeper and brighter your dear eyes grow;
Pray, love, for the weal of our ingle fair,
For the strength to do and the grace to bear—
For love, than life more dear.

—*Mrs. E. M. Gilson.*

RECEIVING CALLS.

"I am sixteen," said Alexia Ardell, resolutely, "and I was put into long dresses last month, and I've a right to come down into the parlor and see company on New Year's day! And I am sure that papa would let me, if he was here, and I *will*!"

Alexia stood in the middle of the floor, with her fluffy golden hair falling over her eyes, her cheeks glowing a mild pink, and her whole *personelle* indicative of resolve and determination in the extremest degree.

Mrs. Ardell looked at her in despair. The two Misses Scarlett, her daughters by a former marriage, and Alexia's not particularly beloved step-sisters, sat as stiff and prim as two carved marble images. "Alexia's temper" was proverbial in the family, and these very proper and precisely behaved young women were wont to affect the greatest dismay at its vehement gusts.

"Alexia," said Mrs. Ardell solemnly, "in your dear papa's absence it is my duty to enforce his precepts, and carry out his discipline. You are a great deal too young to receive visitors on New Year's Day, like Verena and Ermengarde. You are to go back to boarding-school to-morrow."

"But!" cried Alexia, in dismay, "my holidays do not expire until Wednesday."

"That is very true," said Mrs. Ardell, compressing her thin lips to a mere slit; consequently, you can see how far you have abridged your own period of recreation by your ungovernable will."

Alexia, forgetting all about the sixteen years, and the long dresses, burst into loud weeping.

"Pray, Alexia, don't be so silly," said Verena.

"One would think," tartly spoke up Ermengarde, "that you were a child of ten years old. Of course, it is all for your own good—"

"My own fiddlesticks!" irreverently interrupted Alexia, as she fled from the apartment in floods of undignified tears.

But numbers are certain to conquer, in the long run; and so Judge Ardell's daughter was packed remorsely off to boarding school, and Mrs. Ardell's two girls returned to their consultations with the dressmaker for the grand gala-day of the year.

Verena, a pallid blonde, with cold, watery-blue eyes, and colorless flaxen hair, was to wear blue damask, embroidered around the skirt in palm-leaves of seed pearls.

Ermengarde, who had a little more bloom, and ventured to call herself a brunette, had chosen pink satin, with cloudlike draperies of black lace; while the matron herself, no bad exemplification of the poet's idea of "fat, fair and forty," was to wear ruby velvet, richly trimmed with point aplique lace and a diamond cross, which, in the absence of her husband, she had hired from an accommodating jeweler for the occasion.

While Alexia—poor, heart-broken child,—was sent ruthlessly to the depot, where Miss Gardiner, the governess, was telegraphed to meet her.

But Miss Gardiner, as it chanced, did not receive the message in time, and was not there; and Mr. Herbert Helullyn *was* there!

Alexia knew him very well. She had seen him once at her stepmother's. He owned a brown stone house, fronting on the Central Park, and a place near Lake George, called Helullyn Hall. He drove a pair of superb, high-stepping horses, and owned a private picture-gallery; and Ermengarde Scarlett had selected him as the special target for the arrows of her hazel eyes, this season.

Mr. Helullyn recognized Alexia at once.

"Miss Scarlett's little sister, isn't it?" said he.

Alexia furtively whisked away her tears, and answered:

"Yes."

"Is anything the matter?" said Mr. Helullyn. "Can I be of service? Pray command me, if—"

"If you could please take me home!" said eager Alexia. "Very slyly indeed, mind!—because I've been sent back to boarding-school before the holidays are out, just because Verena, Ermengarde, and mamma consider me too little to see company on New Year's day."

"This is serious trouble indeed!" said Mr. Helullyn, laughing.

"Oh, it is, indeed!" sighed Alexia. "I am sixteen, you know, and I should so like to be a young lady, like Verena and Ermengarde! but you see," returning to the subject, "Miss Gardiner is not here to receive me, and if you would please take me back in your carriage, I would creep in by the area-gate, and perhaps—perhaps, I shall be 'at home' on New Year's day, after all—But," her large, dark eyes suddenly blazing into indignation, "you are laughing at me!"

"Not laughing *at* you, Miss Ardell," he hastened to explain—"only with you!"

"Miss Ardell!"

Alexia's heart leaped at this delicious tribute to her young ladyhood. She felt prouder still when Mr. Helullyn helped her into his carriage and they drove away.

"Leave me at the corner of the street, please," said Alexia. "It would never do for mamma and the girls to see me in your carriage! And Ermengarde would be so vexed!"

And so the little wild gipsy stole in at the area-gate; and bribed the cook with a kiss and a string of amber beads, not to betray her surreptitious re-entrance into the family circle, while Mr. Helullyn went home to wonder what there was so facinating in Alexia Ardell's round, dimpled face and liquid, dark eyes.

"A child indeed!" he said to himself. "She is a woman, and a dangerously lovely woman, too—only she doesn't know it! Eyes like pools of deep garnet brown; hair all glistening like tangles of sunshine. Little Alexia, if you could only see yourself as others see you, you might be tempted to be vain! I shall make a point of calling at Judge Ardell's house on New Year's day, and if Miss Alexia is not there, I shall certainly inquire for her!"

The pink satin dress vindicated Mme. Chaussa's fame as an artistic dressmaker; the blue damask came home in time to be tried on and pronounced "perfect," on Saturday night; and on Monday, the Misses Scarlett dressed themselves with judicious care, and many lavings with rose water and cautious applications of pearl-cream and blush-pink.

The drawing-rooms, decorated with hot-house flowers, and illuminated, not with vulgar gas, but with the white lustre of many wax candles in myriad-branched candelabra, had been personally inspected by Mrs. Ardell before she went to make her toilet, and the little room at the back, where the judge ordinarily kept his boots, and overcoats, and Turkish pipes, had been transformed into a smilax-garlanded bower, where faint lights glowed through shades of Nile-green glass, and the most elegant and æsthetic refreshments were arranged in *cleisonne* enamelled ware, trays of *repoussee* silver, and baskets of Dresden China.

And, just at the time when Ermengarde was saying to her sister "How do I look, dear?" and Verena was twisting herself into the shape of a letter S, to see the back of her false pugs and plaitings in the mirror, little Alexia was enthusiastically tossing about the contents of an old cedar chest in the store-room, which contained the long forgotten wardrobe of the first Mrs. Judge Ardell.

"Oh," she cried, *this* is beautiful!" and she unfolded a scented robe of long China crape, crimped like the shingly bars of the finest sea-sand, and embroidered in fantastic figures of scarlet silk. "I'll wear *this*."

"But it's so odd and old-fashioned, miss," said Louisa, the maid.

"That is the very charm of it!" pronounced Alexia. "Oh, do make haste, Louisa, with my hair! Are you sure you can do it like the plate in the fashion book!"

Mrs. Ardell was arranging the folds of the point lace over her shoulders, when Miss Verena rushed up stairs.

"Mamma, Ermengarde!" she cried, "who is the lady down stairs?"

"The lady down stairs!" repeated both mother and daughter in amazement.

"Receiving Mr. Helullyn in our drawing-room!" cried breathless Verena. "In the loveliest dead-white dress, brocaded in scarlet silk, and long golden hair braided with antique Roman pearls."

"My dear," said Mrs. Ardell, "you must be crazy!"

And both she and Ermengarde hurried down stairs, just in time to see the beautiful young intruder courtesy a gracious greeting to two of the jeunesse doree of New York.

"Ah!" said Alexia, with the utmost self-possession, "here is mamma now, and my sisters. Don't move, Mr. Helullyn," she added in a lower tone, "I'm quite safe now. Mamma won't dare to scold me before company."

And Mrs. Ardell and the Misses Scarlett were forced to digest their rage and mortification as best they could.

For Alexia outshone them as a real, crimson-hearted rose outshines the milliner's false presentiment—as the diamond outshines the wretched paste ornament—and they knew it but too well.

But success excuses everything, and Mrs. Ardell could not but perceive that the quaint young beauty, in the antique dress, was emphatically a success.

"Alexia," she cried, when there was a temporary lull in the stream of callers, how dared you play us such a trick?"

"I did it for fun, mamma," said Alexia. "And if you scold me, I shall tell Mr. Helullyn. It was he that brought me back from the depot, and he is my *friend*."

"I never heard anything so insolent in my life!" cried Ermengarde Scarlett, turning pale with anger.

"She ought to be locked up for a week on bread and water," said Verena, passionately.

But Alexia only arched her eyebrows and smiled.

During that New Year's day the child had bloomed out into a woman. Alexia had discovered her own talisman of power.

They could none of them ever scold or tyrannize over her again. She had no more fears of being sent back to boarding-school.

But Miss Ermengarde Scarlett could hardly conceal her spite the next day when Mr. Helullyn came to ask Alexia out to drive, nor when bouquets with cards attached, kept arriving for Alexia.

"Mamma," she said, "what is to be done?"

"Nothing, that I can see," said Mrs. Ardell, drily. "The child can't help being a beauty, I suppose."

"She will have to go everywhere with us now," said Verena, plaintively.

"I tried my best to keep her back," sighed Mrs. Ardell; but she has precipitated herself into society."

And pretty Alexia Ardell reigned the belle of the season, and in the spring Mr. Helullyn asked her father for her hand in marriage. The judge, honest man, stared in amazement.

"I—I thought it was Ermengarde you fancied!" said he. "I knew she liked you!"

"I am too much honored," said Mr. Helullyn, without changing a feature; "but I have never aspired to that honor. It's Alexia, and Alexia only, that I love!"

"Oh!" said the judge. "Well, suit yourself—suit yourself!"

And so before she was quite seventeen, Alexia Ardell was married, and Ermengarde and Verena had the drawing-room all to themselves upon the next New Year' day.

But they were not satisfied, after all. Some people never *are* satisfied.

Biting Horses.

A foreign journal avers that horses are successfully cured of this vice by putting a piece of hard wood, an inch and a half square, in the animal's mouth, about the same length as an ordinary snaffle bit. It may be fastened by a thong of leather passed through two holes in the ends of the wood, and secured to the bridle. It must be used in addition to the bit, but in no way to impede the working of the bit. Rarey adopted the plan with the zebra in the Zoo, which was a terrible brute at biting. Mr Rarey succeeded, however, in taming and training him to harness, and drove him through the streets of London. Animals with this vice should be treated kindly in the stable and not abused with pitchfolk handles, whips, etc. An apple, crust of bread, a piece of beef, etc, and a kind pat, but firm, watchful hand and eye, with the use of the above wooden bit, will cure the most inveterate biter. The fact that he cannot shut his mouth or grip anything soon dawns upon him, and then he is conquered.

Thirty-eight different nationalities are ruled by the czar of Russia.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A Blossom Lost.

Oh, tell me, have you seen her,
My cunning, bright-eyed pet?
She ran away this morning;
I haven't found her yet.
I've called, and kept on calling:
She doesn't come to me.
My darling little Blossom;
Oh, dear, where can she be?

You'll know her if you see her,
Her hair's so soft and fine;
She's not a common kitten,
That little cat of mine.
Hark, now! I thought I heard her;
Why, there she is, you see!
You naughty, naughty kitten!
Come right straight here to me!

Little Hum.

Hum was a dear little hummingbird. Grandma found him one cold, wet morning under the grape-vine by the back porch. She brought him into the warm sitting-room and gave him some hot milk to drink.

Soon he opened his little bright eyes and looked around, but he did not stir. He lay in grandma's hand as if dead, and soon she put him in the bay-window among the flowers.

Then he came to life pretty quick, I can tell you. May put some sweetened water in a saucer under the big geranium, and he soon began to sip it just as he got the honey out of the bright flowers—darting his little tongue in and out so quickly we could hardly see it.

He soon learned that we were his friends, and was as happy as could be, flitting about among grandma's flowers in the sunny window.

All through the cold winter he lived there, and amused us with his quaint little ways; but when spring came he grew uneasy, and one day, when a beautiful little green-and-gold humming bird was flitting about in the garden, we let him go free and they went away together.

He liked the free life the best, for we never saw him again, although we watched among the flowers in the garden all through the long summer days.

"I Can and Will."

A writer in the *Evangelist* tells of a boy who was wise enough to decline the assistance which would have weakened him mentally and injured his self-reliance. The story, which conveys its moral, is as follows:

I know a boy who was prepared to enter the junior class of the New York University. He was studying trigonometry, and I gave him three examples for his next lesson.

The following day he came into my room to demonstrate his problems. Two of them he understood, but the third—a very difficult one—he had not performed. I said to him, "Shall I help you?"

"No, sir! I can and will do it if you give me time."

I said, "I will give you all the time you wish."

The next day he came into my room to recite a lesson in the same study.

"Well, Simon, have you worked that example?"

"No, sir," he answered; "but I can and will do it, if you give me a little more time."

"Certainly, you shall have all the time you desire."

I always like these boys who are determined to do their own work, for they make our best scholars, and men too. The third morning you should have seen Simon enter my room. I knew he had it, for his whole face told the story of his success.

Yes, he had it, notwithstanding it had cost him many hours of the severest mental labor.

Not only had he solved the problem, but, what was of infinitely greater importance to him, he had begun to develop mathematical powers, which, under the inspiration of "I can and will," he has continued to cultivate, until to-day he is professor of mathematics in one of our largest colleges, and one of the ablest mathematicians of his years in our country.

Millions for Defense.

An Iowa paper is responsible for the following, which evidently refers to the Rev. O. Clute, of Iowa City. He must have been troubled with chicken thieves last summer:

An Iowa city clergyman has 153 hives of bees, which are arranged around his hen house, and when he hears a thief fooling round that establishment in the darkness, he just lies still and waits to hear a hive upset, and then laughs at the sound of wild yells gradually dying away in the distance.—*Practical Farmer.*

Not Enough Line.

There are fish, scientific authorities tell us, that live in the ocean, at a depth of 2,000 feet below the surface. There, we always knew there was some reason why we never caught any fish. We told the last skipper we fished with that 800 feet of line wasn't enough.—*Hawkeye.*

THE SPOOPENDYKES.

A Rumpus Raised About the Loss of a Swallow-Tailed Coat.

"My dear," said Mrs. Spoopendyke, backing away from her refreshment table and regarding the effect with her head very much on one side; "my dear, what are you going to wear when you make calls on new year's?"

"Clothes, I suppose, returned Mr. Spoopendyke, looking up from his paper. "Why, has the fashion changed recently about wearing clothes?" and Mr. Spoopendyke regarded his wife with an anxious look of inquiry.

"But you should wear your swallow-tail coat by all means," continued Mrs. Spoodendyke. "All the gentlemen wear swallowtail coats on new year's day now.

"Well, if you think you are going to strap me up in a two tined coat and start me around this town looking like the head waiter of a dollar-and-a-half summer resort, you're just as badly left as a one armed man at a church supper! I may be dod gasted ass enough to hop around to the various old hen roosts, wishing the contents a happy new year, but when you melt me into a clothespin jacket it'll be when reason no longer holds her seat in this dod gasted brain!" with which application of a trite quotation Mr. Spoopendyke settled himself back and contemplated his wife with a lofty glance of superiority.

"Of course, if you don't want to," replied Mrs. Spoopendyke, soothingly, "there won't be any great objection raised to your business suit. Besides, now that I think of it, the moths got into your dress coat, and I don't think it is fit to be seen," and she put a few finishing touches on her table, and admired it from another standpoint.

"Let's see it!" demanded Mr. Spoopendyke, springing from his chair and making for his closet, closely followed by his wife. "What's the matter with it? What's the moth got to do with it? Who put moths in it?" and Mr. Spoopendyke rummaged around and fired his clothing in all directions in his vain search for the particular garment. "Where is it?" he howled, scattering his wardrobe broadcast. "Have the measly moths eaten it all up? Didn't they leave even a button hole? Show me my coat! Bring out the split in the tails! If there's nothing else left, give me one last, fond glance at the arm holes!" and Mr. Spoopendyke kicked his best trousers to the ceiling, followed them with a vest, which he supplemented with a pair of boots. "Show me the great North American moth fodder! Fetch forth unparalleled diet for the measly moth! Are we a nation?" yelled Mr. Spoopendyke, jamming his thumb in the door and hopping around the room with the injured digit in his mouth. "Dod gast the door!" he howled, bringing it a prodigious kick that bent his leg up under him like a school girl's.

"Did you hurt yourself, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoopendyke, dodging the flying boots and clothing.

"Does it look as if I'd hurt the door any?" demanded Mr. Spoopendyke, jamming his thumb in his armpit, and bending double with the pain. "Does that door give the impression of having smashed its thumb anywhere? Why didn't the moths eat the door? Hoist 'em out and give 'em a feed!" And Mr. Spoopendyke caught the offending wicket by the knobs and tugged until he was out of breath.

"Perhaps it isn't so bad after all," murmured Mrs. Spoopendyke, following him around the room in a fruitless effort to catch up with him.

"Pr'haps it ain't!" roared Mr. Spoopendyke, holding his thumb out at arms length. "Pr'aps you've got some scheme for making it worse! Oh, go ahead! Don't mind me! Take the thumb, friend, and do your worst!" And Mr. Spoopendyke dropped into his chair and groaned with wrath. "It's a good thing for this family that I can control myself!" he howled. "If I was like most men the lot on which this house stands would be a good place to build!" with which solemn prophecy Mr. Spoopendyke sprang to his feet, kicked the chair into the obnoxious closet and snorted aloud.

"I didn't mean your thumb, dear," explained Mrs. Spoopendyke. "I was talking about the coat. May be the coat isn't in such a bad condition as I supposed it was at first."

"Think they left a pocket anywhere?" inquired Mr. Spoopendyke, with a grimace, half pain and half anger. Or pr'aps you thing that since the moths eat the coat I can wear the moths! Bring them out! Hold 'em up while I climb into the sleeves! That's your idea? That's the notion that's been bothering you so long?"

"I don't know but what you can wear the coat, anyway?" chirped Mrs. Spoopendyke, loooking up cheerfully, and opening the door of her closet, where she had carefully hung the coat after sponging it that very day. "You can look at it, anyhow," and she brought it out, looking as new and fresh as when he bought it."

"Then there's something you don't know?" he grumbled, eyeing his rejuvenated garment with a critical eye. "If all you don't know could only be dumped in together, what an idiot asylum it would make for some young and growing territory. Taking you all in all, you only want an air pump and a glass side to be a dod gasted vacuum. Gimme the coat," and Mr. Spoopendyke grasped his garment, and threw it over his wife's work basket for safe keeping, and went to bed wrapped in a cloud of growls.—*Stanley Huntley.*

Why January 1 is New Year.

Every one knows that January 1 is the beginning of the year, but not every one knows why it is so. It marks no natural division of time nor any event in the world's history which would give it such distinction. The winter solstice—that is, the period when the sun appears to reach its greatest southern declension, or furthest point south of the equator, occurs December 22, nine days before the new year begins. The summer solstice, another natural division of time, occurs on June 22, a point nearly as far removed from the new year as the calendar permits. The natural divisions of time which suggest themselves at once to the practical observer are the winter and summer solstices and the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, periods at which the days and nights have equal length or their greatest difference. These having been neglected, the moon's phases would seem to have been most likely to be fixed upon. But imperial Cæsar, who in 46 B. C. gave us our new year, governed by caprice or reasons of the most temporary duration, departed from the former Roman system of reckoning the year from the winter solstice and made the commencement on January 1 for no better reason than the desire to inaugurate his reform with a new moon.

The Cæsarean system, devised by the aid of Losigenes, constituted the ordinary year of 365 days and the fourth or extraordinary year of 366. The subdivision of the year into months was similar to the present system. This division of time, though imperfect, is still practiced in Russia. The error was in giving the year 365 1-4 days, which is too much by about eleven minutes. Pope Gregory XIII ordered October 5, 1582, to be called the 15th, and that all centurial years which are not multiples of 400 should not be leap years, which omission of three leap years in every 400 years gives the civil year an average length of 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes and 12 seconds, which still exceeds the true solar year by a fraction of a second, which amounts to a day only in 3,866 years. The present, or Gregorian, system is used by all Christendom, except Russia. It was adopted by England in 1752 and by France in 1564.

Prior to the reformation of the calendar by Julius Cæsar, and many centuries afterward, the methods of dividing time were various, complicated and imperfect. The moon was the planet which influenced and governed most nations, and gave rise to universal variance between the natural and civil year. The religious feasts of the Christian church are still regulated by the moon. The Council of Nice provided that Easter, the central point by which all other days in the church calendar are fixed, should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after March 21. The complex method of making these lunar periods correspond with the civil year is evidence enough of the difficulty of arranging any system for the computation of time by the "inconstant moon." Our week and month are not natural divisions of time, though some ingenious efforts have been made to trace some connection between natural phenomena and the period of seven days.

Superstition About Hair.

The ideas of savages and of our compatriots about the mysterious connection which is supposed to exist "between the cut lock of hair and person to whom it belonged," are shown to be often identical. It seems that in Ireland "it is held that human hair should never be buried, because at the resurrection the former owner of the hair will come to seek it;" and that it ought not to be lost, "lest some bird should find it and carry it off, causing the owner's head to ache all the time the bird was busy working the hair into its nest." A somewhat similar belief lies at the root of a cure for whooping cough current in Northamptonshire and Devonshire. A hair of the patient's head is placed between two slices of buttered bread and given to a dog. "The dog will get the cough and the patient lose it."

Firelight Pictures.

The firelight flickers in the open grate,
And shadows flit along the wall,
Dull flames shoot up, like hand of fate.
And somber gloom seems over all.
And as I sit and in fancy paint
Pictures in the firelight's glare,
I see some there that make me faint—
Recalling joys and deep despair.

Scenes of the happy long ago,
When life was young and hope was high,
When life's river ran with peaceful flow,
And heart ne'er sent to lips a sigh;
When love made all the earth look bright,
The future, heaven, indeed, on earth;
Each darkened cloud tinged with a light,
Each moment giving new joys a birth.

But joys and love have faded now,
And smolder like the dying flame;
Grief marks are on my heated brow,
And happiness is but a name.
But when cold death has kissed my eyes,
And I am called from earth above
To God's bright home above the skies,
I'll know the bliss of perfect love.

—*J. William Van Namee, M. D.*

HUMOROUS.

A young lady called her beau "Honeysuckle," because he is always hanging over the front railings.

Moliere, the French tenor, went mad over his own whistling. In this country the neighbors generally do that.

When a billy goat unceremoniously butts a man down, it can be truthfully said he is "the power behind the throne."

"O, ma!" exclaimed a little girl, glancing at the steam-gauge on a stationary engine. "It's sixty o'clock. I didn't know it ever got so late as that."

A young colored man of Illinois is said to have made a fortune of $150,000 within a year. We suspect he served a few months as porter on a Pullman palace car.

ON THE FRONTIER.

The son and heir went out
To take the sun and air.
'Twas on the Indians' route:
They took the son and hair.

"Yes, sir," said the detective, "I'll look up his character. By the way: Do you wish to ascertain that he's a nice or bad person? I always like to please my customers."

"And what is this animal called?" asked the teacher of the class in natural history, as he pointed to a picture of a sloth. "And the class all shouted at once: "A messenger boy!"

When the doctor advised Brown to take care of his health, Brown remarked, with a feeble smile, that really it was so poor that he didn't think it was worth while taking care of it.

The Empress of Russia has just ordered a fur-lined, diamond-bespangled cloak, at a cost of $43,000. Of course, you will cut out this paragraph before you give the paper to your wife to read.

When a man's wife comes in and sees him, razor in hand, and with his face all lather, and asks him: "Are you shaving?" it's a provoking thing for him to answer: "No, I'm blacking the stove," but it is in human nature to so reply.

One cannot be too careful of his health, warm days. A tramp caught cold and died the other day from throwing away a lot of cold victuals. He had worked himself into a high state of perspiration begging the victuals.

Salaries of New York School Teachers.

The salaries paid to principals and teachers in the New York schools vary according to the attendance of the previous year, the length of service, etc. A male principal receives from $2,250 to $3,000, depending on the average attendance; a female principal of a grammar school is paid from $1,200 to $1,900, the salary of a primary school principal being $200 less; these salaries also depend on the average attendance until the woman has been a principal for fourteen years, when she may, by a vote of the Board of Education, be given the maximum salary of $1,750 or $1,900, regardless of the number of pupils in her school. When a girl is appointed a teacher she receives $400 the first year, to which $50 or $100 is added after that time. The average salary of a primary school teacher is $600, women only being allowed to teach in the primary schools and the girls' grammar schools. In the latter the average salary is $725. In the male grammar schools the average salary of a female teacher is $800, and of male teachers $1,500. When a man is first appointed a teacher he receives $700, and the second year he usually receives $1,200. Special teachers in German and music receive $1.50 an hour, and in drawing $2 an hour. The principals of the evening schools are paid $4 a night, the men teachers $2.50, and the woman teachers $2. Janitors receive from $500 to $1,500 a year, their pay being graded according to the size of their school buildings, the number of stoves in them, etc.

The Millheim Journal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20., 1883.

BY DEININGER & BUMILLER.

Church & Sunday School Directory.

Evangelical.

Revs. B. Hengst and H. A. Benfer, Preach's
Protracted meeting in progress.

Sunday School, 1½ P.M.—D.L. ZERBY, Supt.
Missionary Society meets on the third Monday evening of each month.

Methodist.

Rev. Furman Adams Preacher-in-charge.
unday School at 10½ A.M.—D. A Musser, Sup't.

Reformed.

Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick, Pastor.
Preaching in Aaronsburg next Sunday afternoon.

Mite society meets regularly on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

United Brethren.

Rev. J. G. W. Herald, Preacher-in-charge.
Regular preaching next Sunday morning.
Sunday School, 9 A. M.—A. R. Alexander, Supt.

Lutheran.

Rev. John Tomlinson, Pastor.—
Communion services at Penns Creek church next Sunday.
Sunday School at 9 A.M. B. O. Deininger, Supt
The Augsburg Bible Class meets every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.
Ladies' Mite Society meets on the first Monday evening of each month.

Presbyterian.

Rev. W. K. Foster, Pastor.

Lodge & Society Directory.

Millheim Lodge, No. 955, I. O. O. F. meets in heir hall, Penn Street, every Saturday evening.
Rebecca Degree Meeting every Thursday on or before the full moon of each month.
C. W. HARTMAN, Sec. E. W. MAUCK, N. G.

Providence Grange, No. 217 P. of H., meets in Alexander's block on the second Saturday of each month at 1½, P. M., and on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1½ P. M.
D. L. ZERBY, Sec. T. G. EHRARD, Master.

The Millheim B. & L. Association meets in the Penn street school house on the evening of the second Monday of each month.
A. WALTER, Sec. B. O. DEININGER, Prest.

The Millheim Cornet Band meets in the Town Hall on Monday and Thursday evenings.
J. H. B. HARTMAN, Sec. SAM. WEISER, JR, Pres.

CHRISTMAS.

"*Merry Christmas*" will again be here in a few days, to spread light and joy into every household. It is the old, old story, ever new at each returning year. Christmas is the time—the day above all others, that should call forth our deepest gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for the unspeakable gift of His only Son, our beloved Saviour. This is the true significance of Christmas. It is the anniversary of the Redeemer's birth who came not only to bring *peace on earth* but also *good will toward men.* This grand and fundamental idea should underlie all others in the proper celebration of the blessed day, whether in the public congregation, in the Sabbath school, or in the home circle. "For unto you is born *this day* in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Nor must the day be spent exclusively in religious services. It should be a day of good cheer and happiness in every home. True kindness, genuine goodness of heart will at this time manifest itself between the members of a family in the time honored and beautiful custom of making presents. These should be freely but judiciously bestowed. The proper factors that enter into the selection of Christmas presents for our friends are—age, relation, conditions and necessities.

Nor should our benevolent feelings confine themselves to our own families. True gratitude to God should cause us to seek out the sick ones in the community and minister to their wants. How much good can be done in this quiet way is only known to those who often go on such errands of mercy.

As the benign principles of our holy religion develope, expand, advance, so will these practical fruits increase and multiply. The world will yet learn to know that the whole human family is is one vast, common brotherhood, having one common Father over all, and one common Saviour who loves and died for all.

The Governor Asks for Information.

HARRISBURG, December 13—The Governer addressed a letter to-night to the Auditor General asking for a detailed statement of the disbursment of the contigent fund of the two houses of the Legislature during the extra session. The object is not stated, but there are rumors of crookedness.

THE Philadelphia *Times* furnishes the following complete list of representatives who took full pay for their time spent at Harrisburg, mileage, recess and all. Just why a list of senators is not published at the same time does not appear:

Abbett, Barnes, Beer. Bennet, Bigler Brennan, Isaac Brown, Brosious, Burt, Buttermore,, Carberry, Clayton, Coburn, Collins, Coolbaugh, E. L. Davis, L. H. Davis, Geegan, Deveney, Donahue, Ealer, Eberly, Ellsworth, Emery, Euston, Evans, Fortner, Fry, Fulmer, Furth, Gahan, Gallagher, Harrar, A. W. Hayse, Hothersall, Hines, Higgins, Himmelreich, Hoover, Huges, Hunter, Lafferty, La Touche, Mawhinney, Meyer, Miller, Molineaux, Ellis Morris, McCabe, McClaran, Joseph M'Donald, McMillan, McWilliams, Neeley, Nelson, O'Neill, Ormsby, Parkhill, Parkison, Robertson, Reilly, Rohrer, Roming, Saybolt, Schlicher, Schwartz, Shafer, Short, Slocum, Joseph Smith, Snader, Sneering, E. G. Snyder, J. M. Snyder, E H. Snyder, Sterrett, Sweeny, W. E. Tompson, Townsend, Trant, Vanderslice, Naughn, Waltz, Wonsidler, Yerkes.—*Times.*

Congress has done but little so far and it is not likely that any real work will be done before the holidays. Mr. Carlisle has not yet formed his committees, but is making haste slowly, which shows that he exercises good judgment in the performance of his high trust. A large number of bills will be introduced by the time the committees are ready to go to work. There will be no end of projects to spend the large surplus now in the Treasury; there is an itching palm to get at it. Congress will have plenty of necessary work to do outside of wild projects. A proper law is needed to provide for the the Presidential succession; to revive our navy; rehabilitate our commercial shipping; a law to redeem and retire the trade dollar; a new bankrupt law, and other measures of equal importance. If Congress attend to the important matters the country needs, it will have no leisure for tomfoolery of any kind, nor will any one have an opportunity to disturb the business interests of the country.

The next Electoral Vote.

The following is the number of votes that each State will cast in the next Electoral College, with the States divided politically as they voted at the last election:

DEMOCRATIC.		REPUBLICAN.	
Alabama	10	Colorado	3
Arkansaw	7	Connecticut	6
California	8	Illinois	22
Delaware	3	Iowa	13
Florida	4	Kansas	9
Georgia	12	Maine	6
Indiana	15	Massachusetts	14
Kentucky	13	Michigan	13
Louisiana	8	Minnesota	7
Maryland	8	Nebraska	5
Mississippi	9	New Hampshire	4
Missouri	16	Oregon	3
Nevada	3	Pennsylvania	30
New Jersey	9	Rhode Island	4
New York	36	Vermont	4
North Carolina	11	Wisconsin	11
Ohio	23		
South Carolina	9	Total	154
Tennessee	12		
Texas	13		
Virginia	12		
West Virginia	6		
Total	247		

The total electorial vote is 401, of which 201 are necessary to elect. Classing the States as they voted at the last election, the Democrats have 247 and the Republicans 154, but the majority would be reversed to 213 Republican and 188 Democratic by taking the fairly debatable States of New York and Ohio out of the Democratic column.

It is evident now that Ohio and New York will be the centres of the great contest of next year. The Republicans must carry both of these to win, as the Democrats, if holding their other States, could spare either Ohio or New York and elect their Peesident. Ohio is naturally a Republican State with the party united, and New York is as naturally a Democratic State with the Democracy harmonious. Ohio is the only State that holds a preliminary election in October, and as the Republicans must carry it in October to have a fighting chance for the Presidency, that battle will doubtless be one of the most desperate of modern times.

The two parties are now facing each other for the great conflict, with nearly even chances of success. They are both on trial, the Republicans with the President and the Senate and the Democrats with the House, and the party that serves the country best will best serve itself in the election of the next President.—*Phila. Times.*

A TOWN AND ITS NEWSPAPER.—The relation of a town to its newspaper has been very aptly compared to a book and its index, and *vice versa.* The index points out what is in the book and where any particular subject or matter may be found. It is indispensable to the proper and convenient use of the book. So with the newspaper. It is the true, legitimate index to the town—to its business, social and religious life.

It is very evident, then, that a paper if conducted on fair, equitable principles should enjoy the confidence and hearty support of the community. Every citizen should take his local paper. It should be a welcome visitor in every family. The editor may not belong to your party—he may differ in many things with you, but what of that? An intelligent liberal man will not be influenced in business matters by any such contracted considerations.

Every business enterprise that is at all worth advertising should find a place in the paper, even if only a simple card. This is a square business matter, and should not be viewed as a question of charity to the printers. That persistent, judicious advertising pays well is known to those who have tried it.

We have labored early and late, in season and out of season, to make the Journal a live readable family payer, as well as a popular advertising medium for this growing part of the county. With increased facilities we expect to devote increased labor to the columns of the JOURNAL, and look to a generous public for a liberal patronage.

The National Republican convention will meet at Chicago June 3rd.

Colonel Quay says that this means Arthur for the presidency. June 3. was settled as the date, and Don Cameron is credited with this suggestion. Senator Frye's proposition to change the representation was voted down, which is also a victory for President Arthur. The readjusters from Virginia will be recognized and admitted to the national convontion,

August Strauss and Henry Shaffer, the Clinton county horse thieves, who were arrested by Detective Abe Roat, were tried at Lock Haven on Tuesday and convicted. Strauss received four years and a half and Shaffer five years and a half.

Miscellaneous.

The Wilkes-Barre *Record* is responsable for the following fish story. It is told for a fact that a citizen of this town who owns land that was overflowed by the waters of the Susquehannah in the spring, has made a bill against the state for the damage which black bass and white perch have done by eating the roots of the grass.

A Lady Swindler Arrested.

Little Eva Britton, a delicate creature, remarkable for her insouciance and dirty finger nails, who has been going about the country for several years soliciting subscribers for a monthly paper called the *Hurricane*, published at Charleston, S. C. has finally involved herself in a tempest. She has been arrested in New Orleans as a swindler. She has obtained in the Union 30,000 subscribers, at fifty cents each, for a paper that has no existence.

A great many people, men and women, think it unnecessary to be polite at home. When among strangers, or out visiting, they are the pink of perfection in these respects, but short, crisp words and cross looks they keep in reserve for the home folks. This neglect of kindly consideration towards the members of one's own household is one of the main causes leading to dissevered hearts, jarring contentions and unhappy homes. Politeness in the family circle will keep securely there, also, harmony and love.

Twenty-Three Days Under a Haystack.

LA CROSSE, Wis, December 10.—Some boys playing about a haystack near this city to-day found under it a man in a horrible condition of emaciation. Help was secured and the poor wretch extricated. He was almost dead and was barely able to speak in a whisper. He said his name was Christian Anderson; that he crawled under the haystack on the night of November 17th to keep warm and that the stack caved in upon him. He struggled hard, but was unable to extract himself. He cried out, but no one heard him. He was sent to the County Hospital, apparently in a dying condition. He was so weak that he could give only disjointed fragments of his horrible story. It is stated that several loads of hay have lately been removed from the stack which buried him, but he was probably too weak to make the teamsters hear him or was unconscious at such times.

What the State Grangers Want.

HARRISBURG, December 13—The resolutions adopted by the State Grange today demand that technical instruction in agriculture be included among the common school studies and that the State College be restored to the design of its originators; they declare against discriminations by railroad companies, denounce the Legislature for its failure to apportion the State, favor the equalization of taxes and ask Congress to encourage the cultivation of sugar.

More Light.

A new and brilliant electric headlight for locomotives is being quietly perfected by a modest inventor of Indianapolis, who does not care to have his name made known until a public exhibition has placed it beyond the possibility of failure. The light will equal the light of 4,000 candles. At present a twenty-candle light is the best that can be produced. It will light the track for a mile, brilliantly, and the light will be full and continuous. The generator or dynamo will be run by steam at the will of the engineer. It will be located opposite the air brake and will not take up as much room. By the same machine, depots, bridges, crossings and tunnels will be lighted. Extending along the track for a half mile in both directions will be an electric wire connected with the lamps in tunnels and bridges; then extending downward from the dyamo on the engine, the brush will be arranged to touch the wire as soon as it is reached. This will light up the object ahead, and as soon as the brush leaves the wire on the other side the light goes out. A public exhibition will be given soon.

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Your patronage respectfully solicited.
Jos. M. Feger, Proprietor.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Nathan Korman, late of Penn township, deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons knowing themsselves indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment and those having claims to present them duly proven for settlement.
ANNIE KORMAN,
49-6t. Administratrix.

ESTRAY NOTICE.—Came to the residence of the subscriber in Miles township, about the 1st of August last, two stray heifers, each about ten months old. The one is of a light red color, white at the head and has a small piece cut out of the right ear; the other is roan colored, red head and a small piece cut out of right ear. The owner is requested to pay expenses and take them away, otherwise they will be sold as the law directs.
GEO. W. GEISWITE.
Nov. 8th, 1883 3m

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of George Bollinger, late of Haines township, Centre Co., Pa., deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same, to present them duly proven for settlement.
H. A. MINGLE,
Aaronsburg, Dec. 6th, 1883. Executor.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20., 1883.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

READ THIS.—Grand opening of a fine line of Holiday Goods at J. Eisenhuth's Drug Store, Millheim, on and after December 13th, where will always be found a full line of pure Drugs, Chemicals, and all the standard Patent Medicines of merit, which will be sold as cheap as the cheapest, for cash. Come, see, and be convinced. 4t

—Lancaster Almanacs at the Journal Store, 5cts.

—Sled soles, 2½ cts. per pound, plow shears 25 cts. each, at Knarr & Lose's Foundry.

—The Scrap Pictures at the new Journal Store are just "too lovely for anything."

—Miss Lizzie Harter is off this week to Harrisburg visiting friends and acquaintances.

—Two men were badly hurt last Thursday at Weiker run station, while raising a bridge.

—Since Bellefonte has a *Board* of Trade, could not Millheim at least have a *shingle* of trade?

—Everybody buys the beautiful gilt edged paper and Envelopes to match at the new Journal Store.

—Mr. B. F. Miller is still on the sick list. Our sincere wish and prayer is that he may soon recover.

—The finest Luther Portrait in chromo imported from Europe, for ssle at the Journal Store on Penn Street.

—When you come to Millheim don't miss the new JOURNAL STORE. If we can't suit you we are mistaken, that's all.

—Mr. John Orndorf, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Haines township, died last Thursday the 13th instant, at his home.

—For fine Monuments and Headstones the Millheim Marble Works is the leading and best place in the county. tf

—Probably you need new Blank Books to begin new accounts with the new year. The new Journal Store is just the place to get them.

—It affords us pleasure to state that Miss Rosie Kreider, who was very sick recently, has much improved and is on a good way to recover fully.

—A beautiful snow, white as innocence itself, greeted mankind in this part on Monday morning, and it has snowed some every day since.

—Although butchering is over a number of families are still unsupplied with the usual supply of meat. There is a real scarcity of pork here.

—Smith's German Olio will not cure every disease that "flesh is heir to," but it most emphatically will cure rheumatism in all its forms.

—The farm of Samuel Shafer, deceased, near Madisonburg, will be offered for sale by Samuel Gramley, Trustee, on Monday, December 31st. 1883.

—Our different stores, big and little, are full to overflowing of goods with special reference to the holiday trade. Hope all may do a thriving trade.

—We were misinformed as to Dr. Stam's purchase at Spring Mills. He only bought the Krumrine homestead property and not the grain elevator.

—At Hartman's Foundry is the place to get the worth of your money. He sells Sled Soles at 3 cts. per lb., and pays 1½ cts. per lb., for old metal. 3t

—Every man should take receipts when he pays his taxes, and to do this with system and order a Ready Reference Tax Receipt Book is indispensable.

—If you are bilious, don't wait until you are down with a fever or with the rheumatism, but cleanse your liver and system generally with Smith's German Olio.

—On Tuesday Mr. Frank Weiser moved into the house of the late Nathan Korman, at Elkton. Frank also takes charge of the smithy. Much success to him.

—Fine Christmas Cards, New Year's Cards, Birthday Cards, Sunday School Cards—Cards for every person and occasion in great variety, at the Journal Store.

—If you want something neat, tasty and brilliant in the shape of a Holiday or Sunday School Cards, the new Journal Store is your place to get them. The supply is immense.

—Esquire Duck informs us that the several schools of Penn township are in excellent working condition. It is with unfeigned pleasure that we make a note of such facts.

—Motz & Snook will offer the Pine Creek mill property at publicsale on Friday, December 28th, 1'83. Persons wishing to buy a Grist & Saw Mill with dwelling houses and 16 acres of land as well as a fine orchard of choice fruit attached to it, should attend this sale, as the premises are in first-class condition.

—Prof. J. H. Kurzenknabe of Harrisburg has been engaged to superintend the musical department at the Institute to be held at Lock Haven during the Holidays.

—The weather tried hard during the last week to suit everybody, but whether it fully succeeded we have not heard. The variety embraced beautiful, sunny days, rains, storms and snow squalls.

—The painters are at work on the inside of the Lutheran church. The work is approaching completion and the church will be ready for dedication before long. Due notice will be given in season.

—The Pennsylvania Central Musical Association will hold its eleventh annual festival in the Musical College, Freeburg, Pa., beginning on Monday, Jan. 7th, 1884. Prof. Gomer Thomas will conduct the convention.

—The *Reporter* has been misled to state that scarlet fever prevails here. We have made inquiry and find that there is not a single case. It is a piece of mischief bordering on malice misinform editors in this particular way.

—Mr. J. Willis Musser has bought out the stage route from Woodward to Millheim, but also goes to Coburn every morning. He carries express and other goods from all points along the line at very moderate charges, and continues the calf and poultry business. tf

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.—Governor Pattison appointed Leonard Rhone, esq., of Centre Hall, commissioner of the Huntingdon Reformatory. Mr. Rhone is the master of the Pennsylvania state grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

—A book and stationery store has been a want in this end of the county which for the past few years we have been trying to supply. With enlarged facilities we will continue to develope in this line of trade, relying on a generous public for support.

BIG CALF.—Don't laugh over the heading—'tis a fact that our friend Geo. W. Stover, Esq, has a short horn calf that beats all in the calf line we ever heard of. It wheighed 123 pounds twenty hours after it was born. Mr. Stover knows how to raise excellent stock.

—Last Sabbath a Sunday School was organized in the Evangelical church at Coburn, with seventy members present. This is a praiseworthy step and will give many persons, especially children, an apportunity to attend who before were deprived of the privilege. We did not learn who the officers are.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday evening whil Mr. Wm. H. Smith and family were returning from Coburn, where they had been attending a religious meeting, the horses made a sudden jerk which threw Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Harvey Lamey, who occupied the rear seat, violently out of the wagon. Both were considerably but not dangerously hurt.

—The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary Sabbath, December 23d.

The officers of the Penn a W. C. T. U. earnestly urge the general observance of the occasion, not only by the local Unions, but also by the churches and Sunday schools, with mass meetings, temperance sermons and children's meetings.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures dysentery and diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cents a bottle.

—No paper will be issued from this office next week. This is the old custom and a good custom it is—to have two short vacations, July 4th and Christmas weeks, for the printers. As a rule they richly deserve it. In our case this year a little rest will be gratifying. We had a long, hard siege of it and will try to enjoy our Holidays at home, measurably free from work and worry.

—A very interesting union childrens' meeting was held in the Evangelical church on Sunday. The church was well filled, the music was excellent and so were the addresses. What pleased us especially was that home talent was utilized in Speakers. Rev. N. Shannon was the first one, A. R. Alexander the second, Hon. W. K. Alexander the third, and Presiding Elder Swengle closed. We repeat that the addresses were good, appropriate, and well received by the children and audience.

THEY WANT $25.000.—The Hon. Samuel Gilliland, of the committee to confer with the Penna. R. R. Co., in reference to the completion of the L. & T. Road, sent the following telegram to the Centre *Democrat* of last week.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11, 1883.

CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—The P. R. R. Co. want $25,000. Then they will finish the road to Lemont.

S. GILLILAND

To us this reads downright cruel—very much like the death-knell of the extension. Where will the $25,000 come from? Will the people of the upper end pay that large sum in addition to what they have already done? It is not probable.

—A good bob-sled for sale cheap. Inquire at this office.

—Dont forget the Musical Convention at Rebersburg and make up your mind to go. It will be a successfull and pleasant affair, judging by the efforts the committee and people of that town are making in their preparatory arrangements.

—Last week we chanced to meet our old time friend, Mr. Samuel J. Weiser of Mifflinburg, on the train. Samuel is one of the substantial citizens of the staid old 'burg' and does a thriving business in the stove and tin-ware business.

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—It will afford us much pleasure to receive calls from our patrons and friends, during the present holiday season—or for that matter—at any time during the entire year. If you come to town, as of course you will, don't forget to call around at the New Journal Office. We can have a little social talk and a little business all in a short time.

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But perhaps you owe us nothing. Possibly you are not even a subscriber. If the former is true we are under obligations to you for having paid up to time, or probably in advance, and hereby express our thankfulness. But if the latter is the case it will take but a few moments to enter your names on our books and fill out a receipt for a year's payment, if you wish.

Before you come just please read our advertisement in another column. You may strike something that you exactly need—a family bible, a dictionary, album or sterescope, stockings or mittens, the best you ever saw, toys or toy books for the little ones—anything. We feel quite sure that we can suit every age and taste with something proper for a Christmas present—and shall be very happy to serve you when you come.

SPRING MILLS ITEMS.

Both Sabbath Schools will treat their children of their schools on Monday evening, Dec. 24th. A good time is expected.

Folks are on the look out for ice to store up for next summer.

Mr. George Korman, an aged and respected citizen, is lying dangerously ill of dropsy of the heart.

Large lot Holiday of goods at I. J. Grenoble's the "Bee Hive" of the valley.

Pork is scarce and in demand at 7cts.

Chips from Madisonburg.

Croquet is still in vogue.

Mr. Wm. Noll and Mr. Israel Wolf are building new houses.

Mrs. Michael Fiedler has moved into her new house and is its only occupant.

The Evangelical parsonage has been much improved by being weather boarded.

The teachers and pupils of the public schools have decorated their school rooms very beautifully.

Mr. Clarence Moyer is off to Milton on a visit. Hope he may have a pleasant time.

Many of our young folks expect to attend the musical convention at Rebersburg during the holidays.

Mr. Wm. Bierly has again returned to Madisonburg his native town, after a stay in Indiana of two years.

The Acme Literary Society, recently organized, meets in the school house every Thursday evening. All are cordially invited to attend and take part in the exercises.

And how do you like the *chips*, Mr. Editor—and do you want any more from ANON?

[The "chips" are very well picked and prepared, and we shall be glad to receive them regularly. Ed.]

Echoes from Coburn.

Protracted meeting still in progress.

Miss Lizzie Catherman ot Mifflinburg is visiting at W. H. Kreamer's.

Mr. Clevan Dinges is going to New York in a few days.

Our dealers are doing a big business in grain and pork. Opposition is the life of trade.

A Sunday School was organized last Sunday. The indications are that it will be a success. Miss Cora Ard is the organist.

Dinges, Vonada & Co, already speak of enlarging their store early next summer, to accommodate their increasing trade.

Mr. Grenninger has built a new steam saw mill just below the first tunnel. ***

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On the evening of Dec. 13th instant, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Bear, near Rebersburg, by Rev. A. K. Zimmerman, Mr. Hiram F. Wert, of Dauphin Co. Pa., and Miss Della J. Bear, of Rebersburg Centre Co. Pa.

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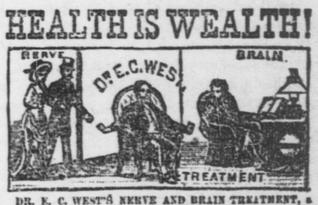

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FIRST SESSION.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14---The reading of the journal having been dispensed with by the House of Representatives, Mr. Townsend, of Illinois, offered as a question of privilege a resolution directing the architect of the capitol during the Christmas holidays to remove the desks now in the hall, and make such rearrangement of the seats of members as will bring them together in the smallest convenient space without affecting the right of members to occupy the seats already selected by them; and to provide suitable writing tables in the rear of the chamber and in the lobby. He did not ask for its present consideration, and on motion of Mr. Calkins, of Indiana, the resolution was referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the accounts of certain States and the city of Baltimore, growing out of monies expended for military purposes in the war of 1812. Referred.

The committee on rules was announced as follows: The Speaker, Messrs. Blackburn, of Kentucky, Randall, of Pa., Keifer, of Ohio, and Reed, of Maine.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.--The chair presented a report from Mr. W. W. Corcoran, chairman of the joint commission on the completion of the Washington monument, showing that during the past year the work on the monument has progressed steadily, and that at its close the monument had reached the height of 410 feet above the level of the floor of the shaft, and stating that no further appropriation is needed to finish the shaft.

Among the bills presented were the following:

By Mr. Dolph, of Oregon---To provide for the formation and admission into the Union of the State of Washington.

[It is the same bill, with unimportant changes, introduced two years ago by Senator Frye, and provides for the admission of Washington territory and a portion of the territory of Idaho, under the name of State of Washington.]

By Mr. Morrill---To provide for a commission on the subject of the liquor traffic.

[It is the bill which passed the Senate during the first session of the last Congress, but which failed in the House. It provides: That there shall be appointed a commission of seven persons, not more than four of whom shall belong to the same political party nor be advocates of prohibition, and who shall hold office until their duties shall be accomplished, but not to exceed two years. It shall be their duty to investigate the alcoholic liquor traffic, its relations to revenue and taxation and its general economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspects in connection with pauperism, crime, social vice, the public health and general welfare of the people: and also to inquire as to the practical results of license and prohibitory legislation for the prevention of intemperance in the several States of the Union.

Section 2. The commissioners shall serve without salary; the necessary expenses incidental to such investigation, not exceeding $10,000, being paid out of the treasury.]

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.---In the Senate today, after prayer and the reading of the journal, the messages of the President, which were read in the House yesterday afternoon, relating to Indian affairs, were read.

Among the bills presented was one by Mr. Jonas to regulate the removal of causes from Circuit Courts of the United States to other Circuit Courts of the United States.

Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior to furnish copies of all papers relating to the attempted transfer by the Texas Pacific Railroad Company of its Arizona, New Mexico and California land grant to the Southern Pacific railroad companies of Arizona, New Mexico and California, and copies of any memorials, briefs or letters relating to the matter of land grants or subsidies to the Texas and Pacific railroad. Ordered to lie over until tomorrow and be printed.

On the conclusion of the morning business the resolution which Mr. Beck offered yesterday was taken up, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for exact information regarding the sinking fund, and Mr. Beck addressed the Senate in regard to it, contending that there is no need of so large a yearly appropriation as $50,000,000 for the sinking fund, as recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury.

LATEST NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 8.15 A. M.---O'Donnell was hanged at 8.02 o'clock this morning.

Despite boisterous and squally weather a considerable crowd assembled at the prison at 7 o'clock this morning. Hundreds of workmen passing by the jail halted to gaze at the black flag. Among them was O'Donnell's brother, who paced to and fro opposite the flagstaff in a most restless and dejected manner, exciting the sympathy of all present.

The hangman's arrangements were perfect and the execution occurred without a hitch. O'Donnell was calm and collected. He made no statement on the scaffold.

O'Donnell was notified at 7.30 A. M. (which is six hours in advance of our time,) to make ready. He was perfectly resigned. He expressed great sorrow for his outburst of temper in the dock at the conclusion of his trial. He said he had felt the greatest animosity for the witnesses who appeared against him, but that had now disappeared.

Minister Ferry has introduced a bill in the French Chamber of Deputies asking for a supplementary Tonquin credit of 20,000,000 francs. It is stated that on account of the revolution in Hue Admiral Courbet has been ordered to remain on the defensive until reinforced.

King Alfonso opened the Spanish Cortes on Saturday night.

Baker Pasha's departure from Cairo for Suakim has again been postponed.

A cargo of American wheat, the first ever received there, has arrived in Bohemia, Austria.

The mayor of Rome has issued a proclamation announcing the expected arrival of the German Crown Prince in Rome to-day.

Great excitement prevails among the Mussulmans and Christians in Upper Egypt on account of the action of American missionaries.

The Belgian steamer Plantyn, which sailed from New York November 11, has not been heard from since. It is believed by her agents that her machinery had broken down, and that while attempting to reach Antwerp under sail she was blown out of her course. Including the crew, there were 57 persons on board the vessel.

While Deputies Brokan, German and Berlin were conveying five prisoners to the penitentiary in Pittsburg, Pa., they made a desperate effort to escape, throwing red pepper in the eyes of one of the deputies and menacing the others with a razor and pistol. Two of them succeeded in getting away from the officers, but were recaptured after a short chase.

In St. Louis, glucose works burned out; loss $50,000.

At Akron, Ohio, Seiberling's strawboard works burned out; loss $40,000.

At Corsicana, Texas, seven business houses burned out; $69,000; supposed to have been incendiary.

B. C. Wickham & Co., bankers, of Tioga, Pa., have failed. Judgments have been entered for $60,000.

At Winona, Minn., grain elevator, dock and warehouse and 135,000 bushels of barley were burned; loss $143,000.

Near Franklin, La., Charles H. Walker's sugar-house, one of the largest refineries in Louisiana, burned out; loss $75,000.

The South Carolina Legislature has passed a bill declaring unlawful all contracts for the sale of articles for future delivery.

Prof. Hastings, of the Johns Hopkins University, says that no satisfactory explanation of the strange red lights in the sky can be made yet.

After communion had been administered to the condemned man, Binns, the hangman, entered the cell. O'Donnell submitted to the operation of pinioning with a smile and without a murmur.

The procession then moved toward the scaffold. O'Donnell walked with great firmness without the assistance of the warders, who stood close around him. He was perfectly calm and self-possessed. While standing on the drop he looked around unconcernedly.

Binns performed the remainder of his duty quickly. He allowed a drop of eight feet. The noose was placed exactly as Marwood used to place it. Binns pulled the lever of the trap precisely as the neighboring church clocks were striking eight.

In Philadelphia the Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 2 refused the application of Mrs. Carrie B. Kilgore, a married woman, for permission to practice in that court.

An effort is being made in Boston to enforce the law prohibiting the employment of children under fourteen and women in stores more than sixty hours a week. The fine is $50 for each offense.

Gen. Armstrong; superintendent of Hampton (Va.) College, for the education of the young colored men of the South, addressed a large meeting in the Memorial Presbyterian Church, New York.

In consequence of the recent break in the prices of cotton goods, leaving, it is claimed, no good margin for profit, notices of a reduction of wages will be posted in many of the leading mills in Rhode Island.

Some fiend fired into a south bound train on the Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia Railroad, between Newark and Elkton, breaking the glass in two windows. The passengers were greatly alarmed, but no one was injured.

A. E. Ancoin, Thos. Buckley and E. H. McCaleb have been arrested in New Orleans, charged with participating in the election riot there on Friday. The city primaries resulted in the election of 40 Ogden and 47 McEnery delegates to the State gubernatorial convention.

A company of wealthy gentlemen have leased a building at Jacksonville, Fla., and will at once commence the manufacture of cigars on an extensive scale, beginning with 150 workmen. In order to produce cigars that will be superior to any ever made in Florida extensive orders have been given for the choicest Havana leaf.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Union at New York, a resolution was passed recommending all workmen to "boycott" the *Tribune* in consequence of its refusal to grant the demand of the striking compositors, and advising news dealers not to handle it. It was also resolved to "boycott" the manufacturers of several firms because non-union workmen were employed in their factories.

A dispatch from Dubois, Pa., says: Flames were discovered in the second story of the American Hotel. The fire spread rapidly, and people for half a dozen squares hastily loaded their goods on the trucks and moved them out of the borough limits. There seemed to be an utter lack of confidence in the fire department, and a reign of terror prevailed. The brick block of D. L. Corbett stopped the progress of the flames on the west side of the street, but on the opposite side the frame buildings furnished fuel for the flames. The fire raged until late in the afternoon. About $75,000 worth of property was destroyed.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.---The American Bishops in Rome in conference have declared unanimously in favor of holding a council in Baltimore in November, 1884.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that Hicks Pasha has escaped death.

As an outcome of a heated debate in the Hungarian Diet yesterday two members have fought a duel. Both survived, and one will fight again to-day.

The German minister to the Vatican and Cardinal Jacobini yesterday had a conference regarding the proposed visit to Rome of the German Crown Prince.

The report of the killing of the King of Annam is repeated. It is said that the French Admiral in Madagascan waters gave no warning of the bombardment of the coast towns.

Binns, the hangman, has arrived at Newgate to conclude the preparations for the execution of O'Donnell. Sir Wm. Harcourt, home secretary, is reported as saying that on no account will he interfere to defer the execution.

There were 290 business failures in the United States and Canada during last week.

The Standard Theatre in New York was destroyed by fire just before the hour for the performance.

Percy Jacobus, secretary of the Eureka Mining Company, is under arrest in San Francisco charged with embezzling $50,000.

A dispatch from Vincennes, Ind., says: "A week ago Victor Josephs and other boys pelted James Hughes with eggs. Thursday, at Annapolis, Ill., Hughes met Josephs on the street and without any warning shot him dead."

At a meeting of the bar of Fauquier county, Va., a committee was appointed to draft a petition asking the Legislature of Virginia to remove from office W. B. C. Shumate, the present judge of the County Court of Fauquier.

The snow-fall in Colorado during the week was so heavy that it not only suspended railroad traveling, but broke down all the telegraph wires and cut off Denver from communication with the rest of the world. The electric light and telephone were also demolished by the weight of the heavy sogged snow.

The steamboat Josie Harry, while en route from White River to Memphis, has been burned at Reeves Landing. Her cargo consisted of 600 bales of cotton and a quantity of cotton seed, which, together with the steamer, was totally destroyed. Loss $30,000.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad has been leased to an eastern syndicate for thirty years. The line extends from Goldsboro to Morehead. The terms of the lease require its extension to Fayetteville within four years. The lease was made by the stockholders, subject to ratification by the directors.

The down night passenger train was in collision with the up freight near the ninety-two mile post on the Central Railroad of Georgia. Both trains were wrecked. J. F. Wilson, of Davisborough, Ga., was killed; A. H. and O. B. Stevens, of Barlow, Ga., were badly wounded; Fanny Freeman, colored, of Milledgeville, Ga., had a leg broken; Fireman Mike Falvey was badly injured.

The Virginia House passed the joint resolution adopted by the Democratic caucus, and offered in both houses, declaring the intention of the Legislature to adhere to the adjustment of the debt as provided in the Riddleberger settlement, and calling upon the bondholders to fund their bonds under the provisions of the Riddleberger bill. The same resolution was passed by the Senate.

A permanent organization of the Sheffield Land, Iron and Improvement Company of Alabama was effected last week. Col. Walter S. Gordon, of Atlanta, Ga., is president of the company, and the directors include a number of wealthy citizens of Georgia and Alabama. A civil engineer was selected to make an immediate survey of the company's site for the city of Sheffield on the Tennessee river, in North Alabama. The company was organized with a capital stock of $500,000, all of which was subscribed.

A strike of the coal miners in the third pool of Pennsylvania, Monongahela river, has been ordered for December 20. The men have been working at a reduction of one-quarter of a cent a bushel, and the strike is to get the district price, which is 3½ cents a bushel. About 1,000 miners are affected.

Advices have been received at Ottawa, Ont., showing that a large gold find has been discovered in the Rocky Mountains, a mile or so north of Podmore. The find is reported to the Department of Agriculture as an immense bonanza. The surface find was of copper, assaying at one hundred and sixty pounds per ton, and under that is gold.

The Kirkwood Hotel at Carrington, Dakota, has been burned. Loss $26,000.

H. B. Brown & Co.'s machine shop at East Hampton, Conn., has been burned. Loss $30,000.

The wholesale grocery house of H. L. Spence & Co. at Oskaloosa, Iowa, has been burned. Loss $25,000.

Mr. J. Add Thompson, acting deputy comptroller, has been stricken with paralysis while at his desk in the department.

The Reaves block, St. Paal, occupied by P. Hardenburg & Co., saddlery and hardware, has been burned. Loss $115,000.

The Drake block at St. Paul, built last spring at a cost of $30,000, has been burned. Insured for $20,000. Total loss, $100,000.

A fire at Eau Claire, Wis., destroyed a grist mill, an elevator, and several frame buildings. Loss $30,000; insurance $20,000.

Washington Notes

Representative Dudley C. Haskell, of Kansas, died in this city after a lingering illness.

The following instructions were sent to Minister Lowell by Secretary Sewel in reference to the O'Donell case:---"You will consider O'Donell's citizenship as established. There being in Great Britain no judicial examination or appeal of the proceedings at a criminal trial, possible errors can only be corrected through a new trial or by executive action upon the sentence; therefore this government is anxious that such careful examination be given to the proceedings in this case as to discover error, should one have been committed. You are therefore, directed by the President to request a delay of execution of the sentence and that a careful examination of the case be made by her Majesty's government, and that the prisoner's counsel be permitted to present any alleged points of error."

The following reply was received from Lord Granville: "That the counsel for O'Donnell having submitted the representations he thought advisable on the prisoner's behalf, those representations and all the other circumstances of the case had been carefully examined and considered in the manner usual in the case of capital convictions, and her Majesty's government had found no grounds upon which they would be justified in advising the Crown to interfer with the sentence of the law or execution.

Congressman Finerty called on the President yesterday in regard to O'Donnell's case. "In case O'Donnell is hanged on Monday," remarked Mr. Finnerty, "it will be a snub to the United States. The House by its resolution requested the President to ask a respite. If it has been asked, which I suppose it has, and refused, both the Executive and the House, and consequently the whole country, will have been not only snubbed, but insulted.

Mr. Hoblitzell introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday the Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal bill.

Mr. Covington's effort to secure a peaceful solution of the Maryland and Virginia boundary line question will probably prove successful.

A conscience-stricken Baltimorean yesterday sent $4.99 to the treasurer of the United States, which money, he says, is due the government.

THE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE.			
FLOUR—City Mills, extra.	$4 00	@	$4 75
WHEAT—Southern Fultz	1 10	@	1 14
CORN—Southern White	56	@	59
do. —Yellow	56	@	60
RYE—Good	63	@	65
OATS—Maryland	40	@	41
COTTON—Middling	10¼	@	10¼
do. —Good ordinary	9	@	9⅛
HAY—Md. and Pa. Timot'y	15 00	@	17 00
STRAW—Wheat	7 00	@	8 00
BUTTER—Western prime	29	@	31
do. —West Virginia	21	@	24
CHEESE—N. Y. State ch'ce	11	@	12
do. —Western prime	7	@	8
EGGS	28	@	30
CATTLE	3 75	@	5 50
SWINE	5	@	6
SHEEP AND LAMBS	3	@	4½
TOBACCO LEAF—Inferior	2 50	@	4 00
Good common	2 00	@	3 00
Middling	7 00	@	7 50
Good to fine red	8 00	@	10 00
Fancy	10 00	@	15 00
NEW YORK.			
COTTON—Middling upland	10	@	10¼
FLOUR—Southern com. to fair extra	5 00	@	6 00
WHEAT—No. 1 white	1 16	@	1 18
RYE—State	70	@	73
CORN—Southern Yellow	58	@	60
OATS—White State	36	@	38
BUTTER—State	18	@	35
CHEESE—State	10	@	12
EGGS	28	@	31
PHILADELPHIA.			
FLOUR—Penna. fancy	5 00	@	5 65
WHEAT—Pa. and Southern red	1 13	@	1 16
RYE—Pennsylvania	60	@	62
CORN—Southern yellow	55	@	58
OATS	36	@	38
BUTTER—State	20	@	30
CHEESE—N. Y. factory	8	@	12
EGGS—State	20	@	30

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

President Arthur's cabinet is thus described by a writer in the Troy *Times*: "Brewster is the most punctilious member, Frelinghuysen the most aristocratic, Lincoln the quietest, Gresham the ablest, Folger the most judicial, Teller and Chandler are the two who keep track of things generally and the hardest workers."

How the world has progressed within a century! George Washington, the first president of the United States, never saw a steamboat. John Adams, the second president of the United States, never saw a railroad. Andrew Jackson, the seventh president, knew nothing about the telegraph. Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president, never dreamed of such a thing as the telephone.

The New York *Herald* says that most of the heavy gambling in New York nowadays is done in the fashionable club houses, among men who indulge in it more for "sport" than money. They lose their money without chagrin, and never play with a "professional" gambler if they know him to be such. These are the men who lose $3000 to $4000 a night without considering it worth talking about, but who, nevertheless, never visit gambling "hells" because of their fear of being "fleeced."

The World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial exposition, inaugurated by a resolution of the National Cotton Planters' association, will open in New Orleans on the first Monday of December, 1884, and continue until May 31, 1885. This exposition will not only commemorate the centennial anniversary of the first exportation of cotton from the United States but will also be an international industrial exposition. This exposition is to be held under the joint auspices of the United States government and the National Cotton Planters' association.

The returns as to coinage of foreign countries contains some interesting facts. In Great Britain no gold was coined in 1882. The best estimate of the gold coin in circulation in the United Kingdom is 110,000,000 pounds sterling, and of paper money 43,721,000 pounds sterling. The gold coinage of France in 1882 amounted to 3,742,000 francs, and the silver coinage to 7,159,859 francs. Mr. Burchard, director of the Philadelphia mint, puts the total paper circulation of the thirty-eight principal countries at $3,892,920,903; the gold circulation at $3,333,443,000, and the silver coin at $2,712,226,000.

The London *Times* finds that the number of watches manufactured in England is yearly becoming less and less, and traces the cause of the decline to the use of new ideas and inventions by workmen both in America and Switzerland. "In America," it says, "everything is done on a large scale, while we still stick to the methods of our forefathers. Here the different parts of a watch are made in different shops, or different portions of the country, and trotted about from one to the other. In America a complete watch is made in one building. One American house alone made 201,000 watches last year, while our total production was not more than 175,000."

Returns to the United States bureau of statistics continue to show a marked decrease in the number of immigrants arriving in this country compared with the statistics for the last and previous years. Germany, though still sending a third of the immigrants who come to the shores of the United States, shows the notable decrease, Ireland coming next. The percentage of falling off is in the neighborhood of forty per cent in each case. This shows that the influences by which it is sought to deter immigration are still prevalent in Fatherland. However, there is a falling off in all nationalities, though none are so marked as those named.

As all Rocky Mountaineers know, Chinamen and gamblers arrive simultaneously at booming mining camps, and soon constitute more than one-half of the rapidly growing male population. The Chinamen wash, cook and clean for the gamblers, whose reckless generosity with cash soon enables the Chinamen to sail through the Golden Gate homewards. Naturally, such a population will produce strange social results. In Butte, Montana, there are three distinct sets, the "swellest" being led by a gray-eyed young lady named Jeannette Emerson, who teaches school, and whose father retails bad whisky in a shanty saloon. There are 7000 people in Butte, of whom 1000 are Chinamen. Saloons occupy the best business locations, and gambling goes on openly in nearly all of them.

Desperation.

"Give me your money, or I shall be forced to do a thing that I have never yet been able to do in my life."

M. du Duc took out his pocket-book, gave it to the robber, and said to him:

"Now that you have stripped me, may I ask what you would have done?"

The bandit looked coolly at his victim and replied:

"I should have worked!"—*Figaro.*

The Candidate.

Hon. S. S. Cox, in the "Youth's Companion," says: An incident of the personalities of the "stump" was related to me by Gen. A. G. Scales, a member of Congress from North Carolina.

"When a young man," said the general, "I ran for the legislature in my native county. At one of the precincts, as I passed by a crowd, I noticed a man—one Sam Stewart—whom I had known from childhood. He was engaged in earnest talk with the crowd, and as I passed I heard him say,—

"'I am agin all lawyers, and though I like A. G. Scales—who is one—I will not support him on that account.'

"I walked boldly up to the crowd, and asked what engaged them so earnestly. Sam repeated his language. I said,—

"'You fill me with amazement. I am as much surprised as if it came from my own father. You have known me from an infant, have dandled me on your knee, and your wife has fed me out of the same spoon with her own boys. I have hunted, fished and played with your eldest boy, who was my namesake. You had just as well vote against that son.'

"He hesitated a moment, and then turning to the crowd, said,—

"'Gentlemen, them are facts; just as little A. G. has said. He was allers an honest boy; and I know he is not lawyer enough to hurt. We can all go for him.'

"And they did."

A Good Friend to the Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Consul A. F. Bee, of the Chinese Consulate Office, expresses himself clearly in saying that he, as well as his family have suffered severely from rheumatism and neuralgia, and that medicines were used in vain. At last St. Jacob's Oil was tried, which effected immediate cures in every case. The Consul regards the Oil as the greatest pain curing remedy in existence.

A Sharp Witness.

During a recent trial the following occurred, varying the monotony of the proceedings. Among the witnesses was one as verdent a specimen of humanity as one would wish to meet with. After a severe cross-examination, the counsel for the government paused; and then, putting on a look of severity, and an ominous shake of the head exclaimed,—

"Mr. Witness has not an effort been made to induce you to tell a different story?"

"A different story from what I have told, sir?"

"That is what I mean."

"Yes, sir; several persons have tried to get me to tell a different story from what I have told, but they couldn't."

"Now, sir, upon your oath I wish to know who those persons are."

"Waal, I guess you've tried 'bout as hard as any of 'em."

The witness was dismissed while judge, jury and spectators indulged in a hearty laugh.

ADVICE TO CONSUMPTIVES.

On the appearance of the first symptoms, as general debility, loss of appetite, pallor, chilly sensations, followed by night-sweats and cough; prompt measures of relief should be taken. Consumption is scrofulous disease of the lungs; therefore use the great anti-scrofulous or blood-purifier and strength restorer, Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery." Superior to cod liver oil as a nutritive, and unsurpassed as a pectoral. For weak lungs, spitting of blood, and kindred affections, it has no equal. Sold by druggists. For Dr. Pierce's treatise on Consumption send two stamps. WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

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"Bathe it in coal oil," said the old lady; "I'll guarantee you it'll cure it."

Another one said,—

"My Sarah has such a dreadful pain between the eyes."

"Well, all she's got to do is to rub it well with coal oil three or four times a day, and it'll cure her," hastily remarked the old lady.

"Well," said the third woman, "I ain't got nobody sick about my house, but if a body hasn't got trouble one way she's got it another. All I can do I cannot get my Jennie to stay at home of evenings."

"Rub her with coal oil, and I'll guarantee you it will surely cure her," returned the old lady, in good earnest.

Rightly Punished.

Druggists have to keep their wits about them in Paris. One of their number having been convicted of adulterating sulphate of quinine, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor. In addition, he is to pay a fine of a thousand francs, his name and crime are to be published in twelve political and twelve professional papers, and should he ever reopen his store, to the door thereof is to be affixed a sign: "Sentenced for adulterating sulphate of quinine."

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An Interesting Patent Suit.

Nelson Lyon, of Albany, N. Y., has recovered judgment of $3,447.10, against G. T. Fisher & Co., in the U. S. circuit court, at Detroit, Mich., for an infringement of Lyon's Patent Metallic Heel Stiffener. This contrivance is one of the most useful of modern inventions, and has achieved a remarkable sale—over $750,000 worth, the testimony showed, having been sold since the patent was granted, being a grand total of 3,888,000 pairs. The invention consists of a neat metal plate fastening to the outside of a boot or shoe heel, arranged to prevent the counters from breaking over and the heel from wearing down unevenly. The attorney-general of the United States declared the Lyon patent invalid on account of an informality in the application. This was afterward corrected by the commissioner of patents, in accordance with a special act of Congress authorizing it. Action was commenced in May, 1880, a perpetual injunction was obtained in December, and the case was referred to a master, who reported the damages as $3,858, but on motion the court doubled the same, and directed judgment to be entered against defendants for such double damages, with interest and costs.

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These remarkable items pour into our office daily. Mr. H. S. FULLER, with the New Home Machine Company, of Orange, Mass., writes, May 23, 1883: "I have used Hunt's Remedy in my family for over ten years. My wife was troubled with catarrh of the bladder, suffered intense pain in the kidneys and loins, and urination was accomplished with the greatest of agony. My friends thought that she could not recover. We tried doctors and medicines, and although better at times she would grow worse again. She was obliged to use the urinal as many as fifteen times in a night, and was growing worse daily. At this time my attention was called to Hunt's Remedy, and I concluded to try it; and after using one bottle she was a good deal better, the inflammation was reduced, and the water more natural. She began to gain in appetite and felt no pain in the back and kidneys. She could attend to her household work without pain, and this had been a great burden to do, even the lightest kind of work. After using six bottles she was completely cured. Since then I have had occasion to use Hunt's Remedy for kidney and liver complaints, and found it to be just as represented, and I consider it a most wonderful medicine. I would not be without Hunt's Remedy in my family; and I have recommended it to my friends here in Orange with equally good results."

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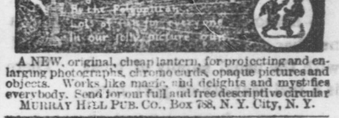

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